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In re Application of: )  
Akihiro Nakano et al. )  
Serial No. To Be Assigned )  
Filing Date: Herewith )  
For: Plasma Processing Apparatus Including a )  
Plurality of Plasma Processing Units Having )  
Reduced Variation )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit reference A1 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed herewith.

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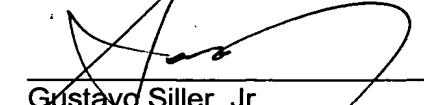
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this document and make it of record.

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